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When it was charged, during the Presidential canvass of 1848, that Gen. Cass, in his Nicholson letter, conceded the right of the people of the territories, through their territoit was stoutly denied by the Democracy of the South that the letter in question announced any such principle. Shortly after the defeat of the General for the Presidency, he took occasion in his place in the Senate to reaffirm the doctrines of his Nicholson letter, insisting upon the right of the territorial legislatures to dispose of slavery in their own

All parties at the South hold that there is no power in the people of the territories, save in the formation of their Constitution preparatory to admission as a State into the Union, to interfere with the right of property in slaves. Judge Douglas, it seems, following O'Speider, charged with grand larceny .in the wake of General Cass, has recently | The parties, with the exception of Wm. Van proclaimed a different doctrine. He admits | Seriver, Jr., who escaped an arrest, having the right of the "people of the territory, by lawful means, to exclude slavery from their limits prior to the formation of a State Constitution." How the democracy of the South will be able to reconcile this view of the receiving the stolen property, and sentenced question with their repeated denunciation of Gen. Case's "squatter sovereignty" notions, remains to be seen. The Virginia Legislature, Charles Van Scriver, were then tried and in 1847, solemnly announced that the passage of the "Wilmot Proviso" would be cause for resistance at all hazards and to the last extremity." Mr. Calboun held that was committed as witness in the case, was water, the theory of the perfect stillness squatter sovereignty was the "Wilmot pro- discharged. viso in its most odious form," and such, we believe, is the opinion of the Southern Democracy generally. Judge Douglas can bardly look for much support, therefore, in the Charleston Convention, from the southern wing of the Democratic party.

According to a letter in the New York Express, dated Buenos Ayres, July 30, a quarrel has arisen between the British Minister near the Argentine Republic, and President Lopez, Chief Magistate of Paraguay .-The latter received the former in robes of ister took umbrege and made formal complaints to the Paraguayan Secretary of State, who briefly replied that the Queen of England so received Foreign Ministers. The irate Minister demanded his passports, received them and went away in a merchant steamer | iegislators. called the Little Polly. In the night, the the charming Little Polly, and the yet excited supposed to be thunder (there being a pros- have already occurred five hundred or a thou-Minister claims that it was done on purpose, and as an additional insuit though it was palpable that those on Lord the Tacauri could have no knowledge of the Minister being on board the Little Polly. The story is ridiculous; but makes an excitement para-

One of the most interesting facts mentioned in the last intelligence received from Europe is the announcement that Russia has acquired for a term of years the port of Villa Franca, thus gaining a footbold in the Mediterranean for a naval station. Villa Franca is a small seaport town in the kingdom of Sardinia, situated a short distance from the city of Nice, containing between two and three thousand inhabitants. The harbor is sheltered by lofty bills, and is well adapted for the purposes to which it is to be converted by its new rulers. In the hands of the Russians it will doubtless become one of their strongholds, rising into a military importance scarcely less than that of Malta to the Eng-

The Hon, Colonel Prince, who presided over the Quarter Sessions in Canada, at its which cost nearly \$1,000 bas been found last term, in sentencing a number of negroes for larceny, riots, &c., took occasion to remark that the negro population of Canada was getting to be an intolerable nuisance station master at Baptiste creek now reports that demanded abatement, and that unless that a ma . was seen in the balloon as it came less trouble was experienced from that quar- down-a very important fact which he wholly ter, there would undoubtedly be laws enacted neglected to state at first, and one which he forbidding their residence in the Province .- would have been very likely to state if it The justice of these remarks will be apparent were so. We regard this as wholly improbwhen it is stated that out of eleven criminals able. He further states that the balloon was tried at that session of the court, nine were tumbling over and over as it come to the negroes, and out of thirteen now in jail, ele- ground, and that it fell on Saturday. It is ven were colored.

The California papers received by the last mail inform us that a project is on foot for the establishment of a telegraph line from came down at Knight's station, Thurston San Francisco to Salt Lake City. O'Reilly ie said to be at the head of the enterprise .-A Cleveland paper informs us that there is being built in that city a steam plough in- forth, causing severe sea sickness, profuse tended to be used in laying a telegraph wire vemiting. &c., until the stomach is emptied. between the Missouri frontier and California. This with the rarity of the atmosphere at a The machine will be able to travel 15 miles a day, and will be so arranged as to cut the if protracted necessitates bodily prostration. trench, put the wire in it, and bury it as it So that the longer he remained in the sky goes. We hope to hear of it again.

Nothing further is known in reference to the steamship seen on fire as reported by telegraph from Halifax. The bark Arabian, which passed near the burning vessel, is anxiously expected at Halifax, as something ty given to him at Col. Delafield's when the more definite may be learned from her officers. In the meantime, corjecture points to the Austria, now several days over due, as being through the other arm during his campaigns, the doomed ship, though the description does not taily exactly with hers. The Austria left Bremen, via Southampton, on the 4th inst., jured. He cannot move without great pain. and had 450 passengers on board.

Astronomical novelties abound just present. Besides the three comets, two of them telescopie, new flashing through the sky, a daylight view may be bad, with a mod erately good pair of eyes, of the planet Venus. the evening star, now at the height of her brilliancy. Her position is southerly, about 30° from the sun, and as many from the horizon, at a rough calculation.

A dispatch in the Cleveland Plaindealer announces that Mr. J. W. Gray, the editor of teenth District. It will be remembered that would not endorse Lecompton.

There has recently been some trouble between the students and the town boys at Princeton, N. J., in consequence of the stumerly stood on the corner of Maine and college campus.

The barque E. A. Rawlings, reported by run away by the mate and crew while Capt. Gilley was ashore at Loando, West coast of Africa, is now in Savannah, where she arrived a short time since, reported from St. Thomas.

The New York State temperance convenfor reasons of expediency, such as the shor:ness of the time, insufficiency of notice, &c, unanimously decided not to organize for the full election, and adjourned sine die.

The estimated receipts of the Virginia and Teppessee Railroad for the past year, are \$600,000 and the receipts of the Richmond rial Legislatures, to prohibit slavery therein, and Danville Railroad will amount to \$500,-

> Col. A. P. Shutt has accepted the nomination for Mayor, tendered him by the Independent party of Baltimore.

Letter from King George County, Va.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. KING GEORGE, September 16 .- Our Circuit Court met on Tuesday, the 14th inst., and after the usual preliminaries, proceeded to business. The Grand Jury found bills of indiciment against the following persons: Wm. Van Seriver, Sr., Charles and William Van Seriver, Jr , Lawis Veit, and John waived the right of trial before an examining court, entered upon their final trial. Judge Coleman presiding, which resulted as follows: Wm. Van Scriver found guilty of to the penitentiary for three years-George W. Lewis for the Commonwealth, no counsel for the accused. John O'Speider and acquited; it being proved that the one who escaped arrest, committed the whole theft .-L-wis for the Commonwealth, and W. Roy Mason for the prisoners. Lewis Veit, who

There were two gentlemen of Georgetown. made two trips to the county, were detain- whether a leakage or fracture in deeper waed for two days, and consequently thrown out | ter and in the main line of the cable can be arrangements. It is said that the Secretary of employment; after being paid even more than the law allows, bad but ten dollars each, after paying their travelling expenses. Certaiely, this is but a poor inducement to fer- menced. ret out, and bring to justice, offenders of our Commonwealth who were overtaken at so great a distance, (Georgetown;) will not the Legislature at its next meeting, make pro- be justifiable under all the circumstances of vision to meet such case ? It is to be regretted too, that these gentlemen, who, by their energy, had done so much in bringing so large a portion of the expense of successstate, but with his head covered. The Min- to justice the prisoners above mentioned, thereby securing the thanks and praise of the whole community, should, by their course of conduct when leaving, create a far diffi- for very obvious reasons, unless the governcult impression, by heaping upon private cit- ments take up the shares and work the line murder of his wife by poison. He made a izens that abuse, which properly belonged to

pect for rain at the time,) but finding it con- sand miles from shore. That other fractures tinued, looked out just in time to see the masts of the cable will take place is fairly to be an amareur prize fight with William Houston prove successful unless Alexandria speaks of a large schooner, (whose sails had caused inferred from the fact that one has already the sound,) snap and fall, with every sail been made. In such case we suppose there set, violently into the water-she then ran is no way of getting at them for repairs, but tefore the gale, which seemed confined to a small portion of the river near Mathias' from the shore to the point of leakage. And Point, and is now lying safely at anchor. At the same time, and not far off, another vessel was in a critical position; her top-sail was blown into shred-; the lower sails, which appeared fastened and could not be gotten down, were partly blown out of the ropes, and had she not been standing head to wind,

would probably have lost her masts. We are now enjoying cool and pleasant weather, after a heavy tall of rain, for two successive nights. No black tongue yet in this neighborhood, though I hear of several farmers in the lower part of this county, and those of your friends in King George county. CHOTANK.

The Missing Balleonist.

We learn from the Detroit papers that there is yet no intelligence of Mr. Thurston the missing balloonist. The balloon, however, greatly torn and otherwise injured by its violent descent. The Tribune says:

The balloon is on the ground and has been visited and no one was in or near it. The ten miles east of Belle river. There is left

scarcely a glimmer of hope. Mr. Bannister, who made the first ascension with Mr. Thurston, states that when they complained of teeling slightly qualmish .-Mr. Bannister felt no disagreeable sensation whatever, but says, that when adverse currents are met, the balloon rocks back and great altitude, occasions severe bunger and the weaker would the luckless aeronaut become and the more likely to release his hold.

Accident to Lt. Gen. Scott.

Gen. Scott had a very severe fall on the stairs at Cozz ns' Hotel, West Point, last week. He was about attending a dinner paraccident happened. Having had a bullet through one shoulder, and a sword thrust he was unable to break his force of the fall by his arms, and his back was severely in-He has been cupped and leached, and is somewhat better, but suffers intensely. At his age, and with so ponderous a frame, it is a serious affair to have such a fall, and he is fortunate to escape with life.

Our Next District Fair.

The next Fair and Cattle Show of the Ranpahannock River Agricultural and Mechani- to the Agent of the Associated Press, was Grounds in Fredericksourg, commencing on Tuesday the 16th of November, and continu-

ing three days.
We are gratified in being able to say that the Fair will be held under more cheering the cable at Valentis must be taken up to a that a better county than this was a little that paper, has been unanimously nominated auspices than any that have preceded it .-to Congress by the Democrats of the Nine- Every dollar of indebtedness has been extinguished, and for the first time since its orthis gentleman was some time since dismissed ganization the Society commences its fall from the office of Postmaster because he fair with an untrammeled Treasury.-Fred. directors says that great dissatisfaction exists

Light on the Cable Question. The advices by the Northern Light lifted, ted upon the operations of the Atlantic Telethus obtained was not very pleasant to those Witherspoon streets, and removed it to the interested in, or believing in, it immediate explicit answers to the following questions: success. The most disagreeable and dis couraging phase of the matter then was the evidence of serious disagreement and divid-Capt. Marsins of the barque John Gilpin, as |cd counsels among the various gentlemen officially connected with the enterprize .--And very unpalatable was that revelation. for it made it apparent that while this whole community was giving utterance to extrava- sentially since the 1st of September. gant joy over the great step toward universal or at least international amity and brotherhold, the very originators of and actors in tion, assembled at Uties, on Thursday last, that approach to common brotherhood were themselves illustrating another and very different principle; which was by no means gratifying information.

> and did not necessisate a failure of the enterprise, though unfavorable to its speedy success. By the Niagara, supposing the telegraphic dispatch from Halitax, to be per fectly correct, we have the brief announcement of a fact much more difficult to deal with, viz: "that the delect in the working of the cable arises from leakage at a distance of two bundred and forty miles from land," i. e., from Valentia, or the Eastern terminus. It is searcely too much to assume that "leakage," in this case, is a mild term for fracture or breakage. At all events it is practically equivalent to that, the community having be n apprized some time ago on very high authority (it not indeed the has advanced from 12 to 12) per lb. bigbest) that any leakage, even though the aperture were no larger than the puncture if a pin, would be fatal to all communication through the cable. It is certain, moreover, that not only will the leakage not repair or close itself, but will widen and increase from the operation of the same causes that originally produced it.

Nor is this all that is implied in the brief announcement we have quoted; and as the fact is there, it is practical wisdom to look at it fairly and take into view the worst inerences that may be drawn from it. How is this first "leakage" to be repaired? It is believed to be 240 miles from land, and therefore is not, we presume, a portion of what is technically called the "shore end" of the cable, (otherwise it might very easily be repaired,) in which it was first alleged that the difficulty existed, and which it is admitted is not of sufficient strength to resist the tumultuous action of the waves. This view is confirmed by the fact, that the directors had suspended or abandoned the project of substituting a heavier cable near the shore. The mischief then is not there, but in deeper of the ocean's depth's notwithstanding; and the directors have wisely concluded not to be "independent police," (who arrested the par- at the expense of strengthening the shore ties,) witnesses for the Commonwealth, who | end, until they have ascertained practically easily and remuneratively repaired. If it of War has ordered a similar experiment to cannot, then the shore ends would be useless, made with Martin's primer. A method suband an entirely new enterprize must be com- mitted by Major Laidley, seemed to the board ostentatiously, by our Canal, under our very We suppose no one feels any great degree

of confidence that a leakage 240 miles from land can be repaired at any cost which would fully laying the cable, will c attitue to supply vessels and crews for keeping it in repair -That must be done at the Company's expense only for their own advantage. But if in a ttention was attracted by what I at first three month's time? A second leakage may willingness to die. by taking ut -- it that be possible -- the cable after that comes the question, if this leakage be repaired can a repetition of it be prevented? Will not the cause of the leakage remain a mystery, and in its secret labora ory, where man cannot penetrate, forever work the same

We wish we could draw the encouragement for the future which some of our contemporaries seem to do from the fact that commupications, clear and intelligible, did pass through the cable at the earlier days subsequent to its being laid down, or from the idea that a change of justruments will remove the Westm reland, whose cattle have died of it, difficulty. A little reflection, we fear, will and fear it may still overtake, and destroy teach a different conclusion. The only intelligible despatches of any length transmitted through the cable were sent during the few days immediately following its submersion. viz., the messages from the Queen, the President, to the Associated Press, &c. Those messages demonstrated the capacity of the instruments in use at both ends, to :ransmit intell gence through the cable in its then new and perfect condition. From that time the messages were gradually reduced in length and in correctness, until they amounted to nothing, or became barely sign Is or feeble vibrations. The legitimate inference Seems to be, not that the instruments were or are inadequate or defective, but that the cable itsel'-ine medium for the transmission of the messages--has deteriorated and become im-

Thus far had we written when an announcement reached us, from the agent of the Associated Press, that communication between Valentia and Trinity Bay had been resumed and is "as perfect as ever," This information, if confirmed by the reciept of a despatch equal to those earlier transmitted, will be most gratifying. Had it reached us before the Ningara's announcement of a "leakage two hundred and forty miles from land," it would have saved us time and labor; coming so closely after that announcement, it has led us to read over carefully what we have writter-and written very reluctantly-and we have only to add that if the statement in the Halifax despatch is true, the inferences we and just; and as in the prosecution of the argume t we have presented a phase of this important subject that we have not seen elsewhere noted, we prefer to let what is written remain writ. Nor do we hesitate to add that those at first received. If one is not rec ived of speech. It one is received, the distance attendance was procured and it was ascertain- sumption was made that the work would cer- long since have been! Neither I nor "Obserthink, be confirmed. The defect has proved of the severe injuries it is thought be would city, if possible, from aiding the Canal Com- now are. to be more accessible. "So mote it be."--N. Y. Commercial

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 .- In a card, Cyrus W. Field deems it proper to state, as the result of Tour-day from Tribity Bay, that the an- bas a wife. nouncement which was made by the superintendent of the land lines in Newfoundland who alone has a full knowledge of the facts, be regards the statement as possibly premature. It is cor jectured that the shere end of some weeks. It is not doubted that even 250 miles can be raised, if necessary.

A despatch to De Santy from the honorary from the reserve maintained at Trinity Bay like home."-Rockingham Register.

in contrast with the frank communication from Valentia to the British public, and calls o some extent, the veil that has so long res- for daily information in regard to the condition of the cable. Mr. Field sent a despatch dents having taken an old canon which for- graph Company, and the view of the matter to Da Santy saying despatches from him and Mackey are contradictory, and asking for Are you now receiving, or have you with-

in three days, received distinct signals from Valentia? Can you send a message, long or short, to the London directors?

If you answer No to the above, tell me if the electrical manifestations have varied es-

Telegraphic Despatches. TRINITY BAY, Sept. 21 .- The dispatch of yesterday, purporting to be from here, about the cable working, was a falsebood, as nothog further is known respecting the cable than was received by the Niagara. The re-This, however, might have been overcome, port about signals passing is equally erron-

New ORLEANS, Sept. 23 -- The weather has come rather cooler, and the fever shows a very favorable decrease, both in the hospital and within the city limits. How long this decrease will continue, however, remains to be seen. As compared with the report of the board of health on Tuesday, the deaths in the city show a decrease during the succeeding twenty-four hours of 30, while in the charity hospital, during the twenty-four hours ending at six o'clock this evening, the deaths were only nine. The export demand for cotton is increas-

ing, chi-fly on English account. Middling Sterling has declined. Best commercial

and banking bills are 81 to 84. Washington, Sept. 24 - At a large meeting of the creditors of Pairo & Nourse this evening, it was agreed by a nearly unanimous vote to accede to an arrangement with them and their tru-tee, Samuel C. E lee-the failing firm and trustee to transfer to their creditors all cash and property of every kind, conditioned upon said creditors granting to them full and entire release from all obligations.

Bayard Smith was unanimously elected trustee on the part of the creditors, and Wm. Thomas his associate. It was stated that there is now about \$12,000 in cash ready for distribution. An instrument of writing to the effect of the new arrangement was signed ed by nearly all present.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24-The board of army officers recently appointed to examine into the relative merits of certain new methods of priming small arms say, in view of the result of all the tests, and after a careful consideration of them, that they do not feel autherized to recommend the introduction of either Ward's or Martin's into the service. -With respect to that of Mr. Butterfield, notwithstanding the fact that there seems to be several serious o' jection , and as these are of such a nature as can be best tested by field service, the board recommend that about fifty muskets be equipped with his priming to obviate many of the objections found in the others beretofore tested.

In a letter from Capt Chancey, of the steamer Niagara, received by the Secretary of the Navy, he speaks of the captured Afrithe case. It is scarcely to be expected that cans as being in an unhealthy condition geneither of the governments that liberally bore erally. Two thirds were suffering with diarrhea and nearly one third with ophthalmy. Two died within a day after being received

on board the vessel. DANVILLE, Pa., September 24 .-- Wm Clark was executed here at noon to-day for the speech of nearly an hour in length; firmly asmonth's time the abrasion of the cable has serting his innucence and endeavoring to im-Whilst engaged in writing the above, my produced leakage, what may be expected in plicate other parties. He also processed a

New Haven, September 24 -- George Mer-

also an Englishman. They fought five rounds. Only one witness was present. Houston has been arrested. New York, Sept. 24 -- The four mile race

to have taken place on Long Island to-lay, was postponed on account of the storm. The steamer Vigo which sails to-morrow takes out \$500,000 in specie. NEW YORK, Sept. 24 .-- Advices from Turks Island announce that ex-President Valverde

of St. Domingo, arrived here with his suite, on the 3d of Sectember. CINCINNATI, Sept. 23 -- A German named Michael Eik killed his wife this morning by grasp-just as the fruit is ripe and ready to

stabbing her in the breast. Jealousy was the cause of the deed.

The Tobacco Crop Short. We learn from gentlemen tamiliar with the the vield will be about half an average in the ounties of Louisa, Albemarle, Orange and Spotsylvania. It is the opinion of those who have watched the market steadily for the last five years, and the product of the country for the same period of time, that in no single year has a full, general crop, been made within that time. Eich year the stock of former years has been decreasing, and the opinion expressed that less old tobacco was on hand

obacco planter will realize bandsome returns for that now growing, which will almost make up in the way of augmented price for the shorness of the present crop.

It is known that when the tobacco is in a ill intermediate space between the hills-but | coal, and thus become identified with us. a Louisa planter observes, that he can pace up and down the rows on his borse, without touching a leaf!

The recent rains have started a second growth in some localities, but this, we learn, is rather prejudicial to the quality .-- Fred.

Fearful Leap.

The Cleveland papers mention that among the arrivals at the Weddell House, in that could not have seen the report of the Engcity, Friday evening, was a Mr. M. N. Fuller. on his way from Utica, New York to Chi- I do not think, he says, that the Aqueduct cago. His conduct excited suspicion of in- will last five years. The opinion of the E ... watch and take care of him. About noon, is certainly more reliable than that of perhis attendent, knocking him down. The bopes it will soon fall down, and that we will the Sabhath." man immediately sprang up and rang the not be able to rebuild it, so that the Coal bell. He was at once struck again and trade will stop at Georgetown. Besides, he says, has been felt and talked of for a mere general statement via St. Johns, that knocked down, when Fuller sprang out of what would the opinions, soi disant, of the telegraphic communications are passing the third story window. Turning two unbiased individuals be worth, even if they through the cable "as perfect y as ever," re- somersets, he struck the pavement in a had made a thorough examination. Perquires to be supported by a message equal to sitting posture his head falling back against haps, instead of the report, the correspondent we shall regard this announcement as a figure up and conveyed to his room, where medical not very friendly source, in which the as- out this principle, and what would markind from the shore of the leakage will not, we ed that his collar bone was broken. In spite recover. A telegraphic despatch had previously been sent to his brother, the proprie-

Returned from the West. Our fellow-citizen, Mr. James Baker, bas returned to Rockingham from the West .-cal Society will be held on the Society's unquestionably in good faith, but as the in- Mr. B. "pulled up stakes" in Rockingham a tormation was not confirmed by De Santy, few months ago, and went to the West with his family for the purpose of making it his future home; but after "prospecting" and "bobbin' round" for some time, he concluded distance of several miles, which may occupy difficult to find. So he very wisely turned his lace and his steps towards his old place of residence. Rockingham is always pleased to welcome the return of good citizens who have found out that "there is no place there is no great danger from either,

Potomse Aqueduct -- Cost Trade. To the Citizens of Alexandria:

our people that there should be at this time upon the propriety of calling a Convention ceded to have been the Sabbath, and the any difference of opinion on the subject of to nominate a candidate to represent this ter known as Palm Sunday. Long ere in repairing the Potomac Aqueduct. I was district in the next Congress. This question are we satisfied of his meekness and hum very much gratified to learn from the report of a Convention or no Convention, has been

the entire structure shall be completed.

coal trade, and of its great value to this com- tion? If so, we who favor such a course of munity. I will venture the assertion (and I do proceeding, may succeed in our purpose, and so without desire to draw invidious compari- compel him, who always constitutes himself known; but so far as saving the expense sons) that the value of the coal trade at this the candidate of the party, in defiance of the of a meal goes, in recommending her ore moment to Alexandria, is greater than the wishes of a large number of Democrats, good the Columbia, is a mistake, as their rates combined traffic of both of our Railroads .-Is this community aware of the fact, that the receipts of coal here, now average daily not confer upon him the right to stand for that the Columbia could venture to land and more than 3,000 tons, or 20,000 per week, and that when the Dams 4 and 5 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal shall be completed, and the entire line put into thorough repair, as it certainly will be next season, that we may reasonably expect to receive here (without interruption to Canal navigation) 1,000 000 Tons of Coal during the year 1859? Yet such is the fact. Look at our candidate for re-election, as he has hitherto Marine report that tells the story plainly done, and he will run, unless to use the faenough. There are three hundred men daily employed at our coal wharves, many of them supporting families, and all of them spending their wages in this community. There are about twenty-five Canal Boats arriving here daily, when the Canal is in order, each Boat having on board from four to five persons, making the daily aggregate about 100 consumers added daily to our population, (for the Boatmen lay in their supplies at this end, because they can buy here cheaper than in Cumberland) besides the crews of the numerous vessels employed in carrying coal to

Eastern ports. It would require 400 cars, each bringing seven and a half tons (the usual weight a!lowed to each car) and arriving here daily, to bring to our Port as much coal as is now brought here by Canal Boats! What would not be said or written in praise of our Roaddid they perform such work? It would be trumpeted forth in every direction; yet the work is actually performed, quietly and unnoses, and yet there seems to be an apparent apathy and want of interest in this great work, which to me is altogether unaccounta-

I speak knowingly when I tell the people of Alexandria, that unless they move or motly and decidedly in the matter of repairing the Potemac Aqueduct, there is danger, very great danger, that the coal trade will be diverted from us to a neighboring Port, and that soon. Let ne tell them that now the Cunard steamers and many of our largest consumers, are being supplied from that Port, that vessels are chartered and loaded there with as much, if not greater facility than here, and that effirts, of the most powerful nature, are being made to induce the Coal Companies to locate their shipping cer, an Englishman, was killed last night in wharves there; and that those efforts will out now, at once, and gives those Companies a-surance that the Aqueduct shall be repaired promptly. We cannot afford to wait the uncertain action of Congress. It is almost certain that we should receive nothing from that source. The National Treasury is empty. We must put our own shoulder to the wheel, if we desire to keep the trade. Can we afford to lose it? Is not Alexandria now laboring under the pressure of taxation, incurred voluntarily-may I not say cheerfully-with a view to secure this trade? And shall we, just as the prize is within our fall into our laps-fail to make a last but crowning effort by which our destiny as a great coal mart shall be firmly established? I have too much confidence in the intelligence and enterprise of Alexandrians, to prospect of the growing crop of Tobacco, that believe that they would pursue a course so

suicidal. Let this important work then be disconnected with any Railroad schemes whatever. Let its interests not be jeopardized by the conflecting opinions and interests of the friends of such Roads. I desire to see the Railroads prosper and progress. I am a stockholder in all of ton Road, and can therefore have no selfish blicet in view, in making these remarks. ast season than has been the case for many My great desire, and sole object is to call the attention of our people to the importance of overlooked, and to ask them to act promptly in giving such assurances to the various Coal Companies who desire to locate here, that the Aqueduct shall be at once and perma nently rebuilt, as will induce them to spend thritty condition that little or no ground can their money here in the erection of wharves, be seen-the wide leaves and growth covering and other necessary facilities for shipping A SHIPPER.

[COMMUNICATED. TURKEY COCK HILL, September 25 .- The

Georgetown correspondent in vesterday's Washington Evening Star, gives a doleful account of the Aqueduct of the Alexandria Canal. The anxious correspondent certainly neer to the Directors of the Canal Company. pany, if aid should be wanted in less than five years. The writer remembers an estiagain, which was so wisely closed about fifty may sometimes "keep out the cold." years ago, and the piers are still as firm as pondent, the danger is now from water, (a leakage,) and not from fire. It is hoped GOBLER.

I have read in the Gazette from time to ling to Church on Sunday, but to teach It is very unfortunate for the interests of time, communications from various sources,

of the Engineer in charge of the work, that discussed for many years, and yet Governor acter. with certain repairs named therein, the Smith has been permitted up to this time to Aggeduct would last probably from three to walk proudly and defiantly over the course. by his fellow buntsman, at the division of the five years longer. But while his report removed in some measure my anxiety in regard influential Democrats, who prefer that some to its present condition, it also impressed me other man should bear our standard; but no the buzzard and I the turkey," replied. with the importance of prompt action being bold and fearless competitor has yet appear- stay, you hav'nt said turkey to me once taken to renew the superstructure as soon as ei to dispute his pretended fee-simple right possible. The work ought not to be delayed to run as the nominee of our party. The until the truck is ready to tumble down .-- people have a right to indicate the man The renewal of the wood work should com- of their choice, through the form of a fairly mence certainly in one year from this time, constituted and regularly organized Convenand continue every successive winter, until tion, and there is not one to be found reckless enough to dispute their right. Is this over her"—the principal of which are en-The citizens of Alexandria seem not to be call for a Convention then made in earnest, merated. 'Twas shown sufficiently well. awake to the present magnitude of their and are gentlemen prepared for earnest ac- my last communication, how far this some and true, to submit his claims with those of were about equal; and as to the last advanother aspirants to the decision of a Conventage named, it amounts to nothing, for a tion. The fact that he is the incumbent does election, if there be another who is the take off passengers, even when the Prichoice of the members of his party, and our could not, owing to her baying larger hour preference can only be ascertained by a vote. We know now in advance, what course he will pursue at the expiration of his present term. A notice will appear to the effect that he is about to return to seek that approval of his public conduct from his "countrymen." which, you observe, is so sweet to a public servant. He will announce himself a men, to the disparagement of others, as " vorite expression of the immortal and im- ance to that golden precept -"D) unto other maculate Botts, we succeed in heading as you would others should do unto see him off How is it to be done? How is Mr. Smith to be brought to a stop? If as server," he need hardly expect to reality heretofore he declines to submit his claims even the meed he so kindly awards to meto the decision of a Convention, one of two things we must determine upon, or else it Saul, fall upon his own sword, and thus would be well to talk no more and suffer | perish. him to trample upon us and frown in contempt. We can either hold a Convention without his friends, if they shall again refuse to act with us, or some popular spirited aspirant for Congressional honors, can imitate the noble example of this man, who always constitutes himself a candidate, and announce his intention to keep the field, until a fairly constituted Convention shall determine otherwise. Are there none among the opponents of Governor Smith bold enough to enter into competition with him? husband, murdered her tour children-three Not one, who dares to shiver a lance with girls and a boy-by throwing them into a this errant knight? For one, I am ready to enlist under the Captain, who will head the jumping in herself. It appears that Freder column of those opposed to his being our candidate, and I will stand by him to the last. Let the man who will undertake to be our leader, proclaim himself, and numbers will flock to his standard. It is worse than idle to talk, unless we mean to act resolutely

and carnestly. There are those, who bitterly denounce Gov. Smith for his imputed treachery in '55; for his haughty arrogance towards those who prefer others to himself; for the domineering spirit he ever evinces, and his contempt of party usage; and yet children singing a hymn about ten o'chekst their opposition is weak and in feetual, because there is no worthy champion to lead them. His conduct has been such as to excite the ire of scores of loyal Democrats. though the charge has been publicly made, that he is a secret letter anneusced his wil- discovered the bodies of Mrs. Schilling and linguess to accept the nomination of the the four children floating on the surfacethe Governorship, after a bold effort to secure gentleman came to the spot and raised that of the Convention at Staunton, and though an explanation was promised, yet none has been given. So great is the security which he feels, that he does not deign to Caroline, 5 years, and Augusta, 3 years of acquit bimself of a charge so grave. There age. Mrs. Schilling was about thinyer are men, who will follow at his heels, years of age, and was, to all appearances, at whatever he may do, whatever indignity he may offer to his part zans. Did he not openly in '55 endorse the platform of the Know Nothing party, and has he not of late years upon two beds in the only sleeping apart shown a willingness to pursue any course ment in the cabin, and a more melancholy by which he might secure the suffrages of spectacle it has never been our misturtuon nough to return him to his seat? For one, to behold. The children all looked healthy, I will never countenance such effrontery on the part of a public servant. Where is our of a slight sear on the forehead of the by man? Let some brave aspirant step forward, no marks of violence were visible. A cres true and unfinching as the steel of the trenchant blade he wears in his belt, let him take the field, and his coming forth will be bailed with loud shouts of gladness. SLAP DASH.

[COMMUNICATED. When I, in a communication to the Ga-

sette, sometime in June, remarking upon the mit suicide during a fit of phreaty to which bid condition of the Wheat crop, which at she was subject. the time was the subject of many predictions them except the Alexandria and Washing- through the press, and some of which have since been too well realized for the good of many, added a few hints upon economy, and was wold at auction, on Tuesday last, for the suggested that a change might be made in sum of \$2.774-purchaser Mr. Thomas a trade they seem most strangely to have the Columbia's day for passing up the river, by which the travelling public might be ena. we see on every side, fine stores and date bled, at as little cost as possible, and without lings springing up, at every sale a fathe doing violence to their feelings, to proceed to advance in price, hear the noise of hamp Alexandria, their principal market, I had no and saw, the busy bum of the working me idea that in so short a time one column of the same paper would be taken up in answer to at what outsiders may consider by prices this subject. I shall now, therefore, for the A stranger stopping in our town a lew weeks sake of example, endeavor to be as concise as since, on taking a survey of our main street possible, in reply to 'Observer," in his more (on which a large force were employed in than "powerful thruste."

First of all, be undertakes to explain why part of your State and North Carolina, so he sent forth a communication, August 19th; which, upon examination, I find was to advocate the continuance of a boat upon the Potomac, for the purpose of "keeping on her the assertion, than any town of double out decks, and in moderate and orderly employ- size in either of the States named. In add ment, a number of individuals," (.fficers not tion to which, our corporation dies not all have drawn therefrom are restectly sound sanity, and a man was placed in the room to gineer, who thoroughly examined the work, excepted.) who, if left on shore, might do worse; and, in the face of this communica-Saturday, Fuller commenced an assault upon sons who see it from a distance, and are in tion, he quotes-" Do no manner of work on

He next acknowledges the evil which, as "twenty odd years," and yet is unwilling to allow that any remedy may be applied. Are we then to continue doing what we know to be wrong, for the simple reason that men bethe fron railing. He was instantly picked read some articles in a newspaper from a fore or were satisfied with the same? Carry tainly last five years, in order to prevent the ver can tell; but, certainly, not what we H. Wilson, and to the lumber yard of Mestretty of possible, from siding the Canal Com-

The only conclusion I can arrive at, why this gentleman was never disturbed in his ter of the Trement Exchange in Chicago, mable old friend, a Georgetown man, who reading or meditations, (which he introwho had directed that the crazy man be taken said, when the piers were building, that a duced.) is that he never engaged in any such: his inquiries concerning the despatch of care of Fuller resides in Utica, where he great freshet had happened some fitty years but was giving attention, and perhaps assisbefore, and be thought the piers could not tance, to those individuals whose moderate stand such another. We have had some employment, especially at the mouth of the pretty tail floods since then, one of them furnace, trought forth a flood of perspiration. enough to open the old passage between To this last, I quietly prefer an acquaintance Analostan Island and the Virginia shore with the bar keeper, Dick, whose good julep

> I will not, nor did I ever intend to, go so ever. Many of us can remember the time so far as "Observer" is willing to allow, as Navy Department Washington and a resident when the Aqueduct, while in the course of to say, that a servant and horses are kept for there for over twenty-five years, mysterconstruction, was insured against fire, and a the sole purpose of driving to Church. But ously disappeared from his home in Buston watch was regularly kept to look out for in. cendiaries. According to the Star's corresdistinct from the services of the farm, and for been heard of. From the circumstances so the comfort and convenience of their owners. rounding this affair it is thought there is For his kindness in stating, for my edification, that his Bible does not teach upon what ment of mental aberration, destroyed his day the "Saviour entered Jerusalem, nor that self.

be intended his entry as a precedent for . example, meekness and humility;" I will return, say, that it is by our Church in his birth-place, associates, &-, and p now anxious for examples of another ch.

Unlike the Indian, who upon being asked which proposition he would accept, i. e take the turkey and you the buzzard, or p should, in having a choice between the Cow," (as the old Columbia is often styled and a donkey, going equal distances, say, gore me either. And here we are brought to the "accomm-

dation furnished by the Columbia," so bight

commended by "Observer," and to the "many advantages possessed by the Alice C. Posaccommodation extended; I will, therein pass on to notice the "many advantage, mentioned. Quicker the Price was, is we who ever used the two boats, know very well which were always better manned; so that think "Observer" will have to agree with me in believing they preferred the Price from a consciousness that they were doing right

Better think "praise something material to be divided with justice among those who deserve it, than to heap all upon one set server" set out to do in his communication August 19:b, which seems more in accord which, unless more strictly practiced by "A view of the promised land"-but, like

King George County, Sept. 20th.

Terrible Tragedy. A terrible tragedy took place near Grove

City, a village nine miles from Columbus. Onio, on Wednesday, the particulars of which we take from the Columbus Statesman; A woman by the name of Christians Schilling residing with her husband about a mile from Grove City, yesterday morning about one o'clock, during the absence of he well thirty-five feet deep, and afterwards ick Schilling, the husband was attending a wedding party near Grove City, when deed was committed, and that the wife Chr. tiana Schilling, conveyed the children in their beds to the well, a distance of hundred yards, while they were asleep at and then pitched them into it, and afterward flung berselt in. Neignbors passing the bouse, which is a miserable log cabin, stati ing about a quarter of a mile from the met road, say they heard the mother and be

The husband and father, it seems, did of return from the wedding party until daylight and before that time a lady neighbor basics occasion to draw water from the well, bal She immediately gave the slarm, and mother and her four children from the se The family consists of a boy named Valentine, 10 years of age; Christiana, a girl 12 year. intelligent, healthy, and handsome woman -When our reporter visited the house the deal bodies of the five unfortunate beings were last robust and beautiful, and, with the exception of people of both sexes was in the ro m, all

awe stricken by the horrible catastrophe. No evidence elicited by the jury of inques goes to show that any other person than the mother could have committed the deed. is generally believed that she was laboring under a fit of insanity, as it was stated that she had, about a year ago, attempted to con-

Culpeper Court House.

The lot in rear of the public square, from ing 51 feet on Main Street, running but 120 feet, with frame Store House therest, Alcocke. A few years ago this would have been considered an enormous price; but abes -we feel no doubts or misgivings as I vestments in real estate in our place, ere grading the side walk preparatory to paring remarked, "I have passed through the greater see more signs of improvement in your s.lace than in any town in either State." And ities. We have at this moment more buildings ut der way, projected and finishing, we restuone cent of debt; our taxes are light; we have no paupers, and scarce an object of chaffif among us. How many more towns bars equal privileges .- Culpeper Observet.

Large Fire in New York. A large fire broke out to New York on the

23 inst., in the establishment of Maste. Wells & Carfield, known as the Woodworld planing mill, situated on First avenue, foot Thirtieth street, which together with the "he pire Brown Stone Dressing establishment was reduced to ashes. The fire erended to the wood yards of Mr. Havens and Mr. Grant & Sinclair. In fact, rearly all the property on the block between Twentynion and Thirtieth street, down to the East Rose, tell before the devouring element. The la of property will probably be \$800,000, and over two hundred men have been thrown of of employment. The origin of the fire was careleseness on the part of the person whose duty it was to dispose of the sharings of the planing mill.

We learn from the Boston papers that Mr. John Etheridge, formerly Chief Clerk in the on Monday, the 13th inst., and has not since